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SUBJECT: JOE CLARK TO STUDY FRENCH IN QUEBEC "INCOGNITO"

1. LE SOLEIL JULY 20TH INFORMED ITS READERS THAT JOE CLARK IS PLANNING 12 DAY "INCOGNITO" FRENCH IMMERSION STUDY IN QUEBEC IN MID-AUGUST. IN HELPFUL EFFORT IDENTIFY MR. CLARK FOR ITS READERS, LE SOLEIL SUGGESTED IF THEY NOT FAMILIAR WITH NAME, THEY CONSULT THEIR P.C. CONSTITUENCY ASSOCIATION, "IF ONE EXISTS."

2. LE SOLEIL CONTINUED IN DEAD PAN TO REPORT MR. CLARK'S INTENTION BRING HIS OWN TEACHER TO QUEBEC. HOWEVER, UNLIKE SO MANY STUDENTS, HE WILL NOT LIVE WITH QUEBECOIS FAMILY NOR STUDY AT LAVAL UNIVERSITY. THE FORMER, LE SOLEIL SUGGESTED, MIGHT OVERWHELM THE HOST FAMILY WITH CURIOUS VISITORS. THE LATTER COULD RISK DISTURBING OTHER STUDENTS AND CAUSING MONSTRUOUS TRAFFIC JAMS IN THE UNIVERSITY CAFETERIA.

3. MR. CLARK'S OFFICE IN OTTAWA REPORTEDLY TOLD SOLEIL CORRESPONDANT THAT JOE DOES NOT INTEND TO "MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL" FROM HIS VISIT. NONETHELESS, HE WILL MAKE SEVERAL "PUBLIC APPEARANCES" IN QUEBEC. WHILE NOTHING HAS YET BEEN ARRANGED, LE SOLEIL REPORTS, "CONSULTATIONS ARE GOING ON."

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